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SUBJECT: SECOND WORLD CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL JEWISH  
COMMUNITIES FOR SOVIET JEWRY, BRUSSELS, FEB. 17-19, 1976

REF: BRUSSELS 1206 (NOTAL)

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1. SUMMARY: CONFERENCE WAS HELD AS SCHEDULED WITH NO

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS. SOVIET AND ARAB ATTEMPTS TO GET BELGIAN GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT CONFERENCE WERE UNAVAILING. IN MAJOR PUBLICITY BATTLE BETWEEN CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS AND OPPONENTS, CONFERENCE CLEARLY ACHIEVED ITS MAIN GOAL OF DRAWING ATTENTION TO PLIGHT OF SOVIET JEWRY. END SUMMARY.

2. ONLY UNTOWARD INCIDENT DURING CONFERENCE WAS ATTEMPTED ENTRY OF CONFERENCE SITE BY AMCIT JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE LEADER RABBI MEIR KAHANE AND ONE OF HIS SUPPORTERS. KAHANE ARRIVED BY ROAD FROM THE NETHERLANDS IN ATTEMPT TO AVOID BELGIAN FRONTIER CONTROLS. THOUGH BELGIANS NOTED HIS ARRIVAL THEY DID NOT INTERVENE. BOTH WERE EXPELLED BY CONFERENCE GUARDS TURNED OVER TO BELGIAN POLICE AND THEN DEPORTED; KAHANE TO ISRAEL FOR WHICH HE HAD AN AIRLINE TICKET, AND AMCIT SAMUEL SHOSHAN TO THE US (BRUSSELS 1640, BRUSSELS 1651 AND BRUSSELS 1673 NOTAL).

3. SOVIET AND ARAB DEMARCHES TO BELGIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTING THAT CONFERENCE BE PREVENTED WERE FRUITLESS (BRUSSELS 1206, BRUSSELS 1088). SOVIET AND ARAB ATTEMPTS TO COUNTER CONFERENCE PUBLICITY (BRUSSELS 1482) ARE CONTINUING AND WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTEL.

3. HIGHLIGHTS OF CONFERENCE WERE ADDRESSED BY SENATOR FRANK CHURCH AND EX-ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR. THEIR DIFFERENT AND CONTRADICTORY APPROACHES TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOVIET JEWRY WERE WIDELY COMMENTED ON. SENATOR CHURCH MAINTAINED THAT LIBERTY FOR SOVIET JEWS TO LIVE AS JEWS IN THE USSR AND TO EMIGRATE IF THEY CHOSE SHOULD BE A MATTER CONSIDERED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS. MRS. MEIR STATED THAT LIBERTY FOR SOVIET JEWRY WAS NOT AN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL PROBLEM, BUT RATHER ONE OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS. THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO STRESS THAT BRUSSELS II CONFERENCE WAS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST SOVIET GOVERNMENT, SOVIET LEADERS, SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY, SOVIET PEOPLE OR COMMUNISM. IN EFFECT, THEY SECONDED MRS. MEIR'S STATEMENTS FULLY.

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4. AMONG OTHER HIGHLIGHTS WERE READING OF GOODWILL MESSAGES FROM : (A) JEWS IN USSR; (B) ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER; (C) PRESIDENT FORD TO THE US DEL; (D) CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU; (E) CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE US CONGRESS; (F) SIMILAR RESOLUTION FROM BRITISH PARLIAMENT; AND (G) MESSAGE FROM SENATOR HENRY JACKSON. APPROXIMATELY 150

EX SOVIET JEWS, WHO HAD EMIGRATED TO ISRAEL FROM USSR  
SINCE BRUSSELS I IN 1971 WERE PRESENT AND RECEIVED  
AN OVATION.

5. CHARGE SPOKE TO US DEL TO CONFERENCE AT THEIR  
INVITATION. LEADERS OF US DEL PREFERRED THIS TO  
ATTENDING A RECEPTION, WHICH WAS OFFERED THEM.

6. WILL FORWARD CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND TEXTS BY  
AIRGRAM. RENNER

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